

and/or honored. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form or on diskette. The solicitation will be available on or about February 12, 2000. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a forty-five day response time is currently planned.

ADDRESSES: Acquisition and Assistance Division, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky L. Shears, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880; Telephone 304/285-4083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE/NETL intends to select a group of projects programmatically balanced with respect to: (1) Technology category (equipment end users, envelopes and whole buildings); (2) building type (residential and/or commercial); and (3) time of commercialization (short-term or long-term market potential of the technology). The solicitation will cover research and development on materials, components and systems applicable to both residential and commercial buildings. The solicitation will not support demonstration projects to deploy the technology on a large scale but will support proof of concept projects.

The research and development areas of interest are as follows: Building Equipment—energy conversion and control equipment supplying lighting, space conditioning (heating, cooling, dehumidification and ventilation), water heating, refrigeration, appliance services and electric power to building occupants and commercial operations; Building Envelope—materials, components and systems for windows, walls, roofs, foundations and other elements which comprise building exteriors and provide thermal integrity and day lighting; and Whole Building Technologies—the integration of components and systems which govern overall energy use and indoor environmental quality in a building.

The solicitation covers research in four technology maturation stages. Technology Maturation Stage 2 involves applied research; Technology Maturation Stage 3 involves exploratory development (non-specific applications and bench-scale testing; Technology Maturation Stage 4 involves advanced development (specific applications and

bench-scale testing); and Maturation Stage 5 involves engineering development (pilot-scale and/or field testing).

Multiple awards are expected regardless of the technology maturation stage(s) proposed. For projects spanning more than one maturation stage, continuation decision points will be inserted at the completion of each stage. Additional decision points may be required depending upon the length of any one maturation stage. It is anticipated that eight to ten awards will be made with an average total estimated cost from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation including the involvement of individuals, corporations, non-profit organizations, and state or local governments or other entities. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review proposals, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation of proposals, but will not serve as members of the technical evaluation committee. This particular program is covered by Sections 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPA), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPA 3002 requires a cost share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects. In accordance with FAR 52.232-18, "Availability of Funds," funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11690-001-Alaska]

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 19, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the

application for an original license for Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The project would be located near the city of Old Harbor, Alaska on Kodiak Island, partly on the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. This DEA contains the Commission staff's analysis of the potential future environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments to this DEA should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For further information, please contact Nan Allen, Project Coordinator, at (202) 219-2938.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking Under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, OMB Control No. 2060-0226, expiring